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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Barbara Johnson on 4/24/2008.

The claims have been amended as follows:

Claim 51 (cancelled)

Claim 62 A plant part <u>from a plant</u> as defined in claim 61, <u>wherein the plant</u> <u>part comprises the genetic construct</u>.

Claim 63 A plant part as defined in claim 62, selected from the group consisting of a harvestable part, a propagule and <u>a</u> progeny of the plant, wherein the <u>plant part comprises the genetic construct</u>.

Claim 65 The recitation "or tissue-specific" is deleted.

Claim 67 (cancelled)

Status of Rejections

All the rejections are withdrawn in light of the claims amendments filed on 4/22/2008 and this amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 50, 52-66, 68-70 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Li Zheng whose telephone number is 571-272-8031. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM EST.

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